

Lanesborough Agricultural Commission

Minutes

August 9, 2012

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Lanesborough Town Hall in the Planning Board meeting room.

Attendees: Darlene Newton, Pete Gallant, Marv Michalak, Judy Gallant

The minutes of July 12, 2012, were reviewed. It was M/S/A to approve the minutes as printed.

Old Business

1. Lanesborough School Garden

Lori Meehan, Cafeteria Supervisor at the Lanesborough Elementary School, was present to discuss the various vegetables that might be planted in the proposed garden. A list was generated. There was discussion on how the vegetables might be harvested. It was noted that Williamsburg Elementary School has a gardening class.

It was noted that the Principal needs to talk to the School Committee and the School Superintendent to get approval. Judy will follow-up on this.

The Committee decided to prepare pictures for the presentation at the Open House on September 20th.

A motion was M/S/A to move to New Business.

New Business

Melissa Adams of Keep Berkshires Farming was present to inquire of the Committee's interest in participating in the program that is proposed to start for Central Berkshires. The program would assist farmers in connecting to other parts of the food system and would be community based. Those who want to participate would organize. A survey of farmers would be taken. It was suggested that a discussion with farmers would assist in their understanding what the information is used for. This program would then check local restaurants that would be interested in buying local. There would be opportunities to work together. This program would bring in resources and grants to assist.

A letter of support for a Central Berkshire Keep Berkshires Farming program would be needed from the Town Selectmen. It would need to be returned to Melissa Adams in September. She said that a kick-off meeting would probably be held in late September. It is proposed that this program would meet once a month.

Old Business

2. Small Grant

Pete Gallant reported that he had not heard.

3. Memorial

This is a work-in-progress.

There was further discussion on the presentation for the School. It was noted that we need to look to see if we want to sponsor a rabies clinic in the future.

The next meeting will be September 11, 2012 at 7 p.m.

It was M/S/A to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.